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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services' stakeholders  
From: Kylee B. Hope, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS)  
Re: Staff Announcement – First Steps Director  
Date: September 13, 2016

I am very excited to announce **Christina Commons** as the new Director of the Bureau of Child Development (First Steps). Christina comes to this position with a strong background in early childhood development and early intervention. She has 16 years of experience as a Developmental Therapist in First Steps. During that time, she owned her own business, Therapy Solutions, LLC, serving children and families by providing direct services as well as evaluations in partnership with several evaluation teams. Additionally, she spent three years with Pro Kids in Cluster G.

Since October of 2014, Christina has been with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction as the Youth and Adolescent Bureau Chief. As an advocate for children's mental wellness, Christina is passionate about infant and toddler development. Her advocacy skills have been demonstrated in working with various state and local agencies to ensure that best practices and policies are developed and implemented.

Christina is excited to begin her work with our various early intervention stakeholders as the new First Steps Director. She is looking forward to the opportunity to meet with you and receive your input on how we can continue to improve our work for children and families.

Please join me in welcoming Christina to the DDRS team!

